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# GROWING THE VINE

C-TRAN is in the planning stages of designing the third branch of The Vine, the agency's bus rapid transit (BRT) system that will connect the Highway 99 and Main Street corridors in Clark County and the City of Vancouver.

In 2017, C-TRAN launched The Vine on Vancouver's Fourth Plain corridor. The Vine uses 60-foot articulated buses, improved station design, traffic signal priority, level boarding platforms, and other features to move passengers more efficiently and reliably. In October 2023, C-TRAN opened the second branch of The Vine along Mill Plain Boulevard. The Highway 99 BRT project will build on the success of The Vine on Fourth Plain and Mill Plain.

### **Why Highway 99?**

- Highway 99 is C-TRAN's third-busiest corridor, a major north-south connection in Vancouver and Clark County. This corridor is a critical component for increasing transit capacity.
- The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC) identified the corridor as a top priority for enhancing transit in 2008.
- The C-TRAN Board approved moving forward with BRT on Highway 99 in March 2022, and approved the project's Locally Preferred Alternative in March 2023.
- C-TRAN has recently invested additional service toward the existing routes that serve the Highway 99 corridor, Routes 71 and 19. The Vine on Highway 99 will build on those investments.

# **Locally Preferred Alternative**



### The Vine on Highway 99 at a Glance

**LENGTH:** Approximately 9 miles

#### **NORTHERN TERMINUS:**

Salmon Creek

#### **SOUTHERN TERMINUS:**

Downtown Vancouver and the Vancouver Waterfront

### **POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES:**

Washington State Regional Mobility Grant, RTC Transportation Improvement Program, Federal and/or local C-TRAN funding

**SCHEDULED OPENING: 2027** 

### **The Process and Timeline**

C-TRAN is currently in the development phase of the project, focusing on more detailed design and engineering. Design and construction are expected to last about two years, with service beginning in 2027.

2022 2023 – 2024 2025 – 2026 2027

#### WE ARE HERE

### **Plan**

- Develop design options for termini, station stops, and street operations
- Conduct environmental analysis
- Assess funding opportunities
- Select a "Locally Preferred" design option based on analysis and public feedback
- Complete 15% design
- Gather public feedback
- Secure project funding

### **Develop**

- Complete design and engineering
- Complete environmental process and obtain permits
- Plan for construction
- Gather public feedback
- Secure right-of-way

### **Build**

 Construct Highway 99 BRT project

> Start of Service

#### **OUTREACH SUPPORT THROUGHOUT**



## **Opportunities and Challenges**

Highway 99 and Main Street are unique corridors with their own identities. C-TRAN currently operates multiple routes through this area, including Routes 71 and 19, and portions of Routes 31 and 78. Combined, these routes carry approximately 1,670 passengers daily along the corridor (in 2019). As the region continues to grow, new transportation solutions are vital to maintaining the quality of life in Vancouver and greater Clark County.

### **For More Info**

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